

SENATE BILL 752

By Summerville

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
relative to registration and licensing of motor
vehicles.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of this state that no vehicle shall be registered or driven on the highways of the state of Tennessee which is not in compliance with the Tennessee Financial Responsibility Law of 1977, compiled in title 55, chapter 12; and

WHEREAS, to ensure compliance with this law it is appropriate to require persons seeking to apply for or to renew registration of their motor vehicles to provide proof of financial responsibility and of a valid, current Tennessee driver license; and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial to all citizens of this state that persons comply with applicable motor vehicle laws; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1.

(a) The county clerk of Robertson County is authorized to implement a pilot project to require that no registration or renewal of registration of a motor vehicle pursuant to title 55, chapter 4, part 1, shall be issued by such county clerk unless the application for registration or renewal of registration is accompanied by evidence that the owner of such motor vehicle has met the requirements of the Tennessee Financial Responsibility Law of 1977, compiled in title 55, chapter 12, at the time of registration or renewal of registration and the applicant has a valid, current Tennessee driver license.

(b) If a pilot project pursuant to subsection (a) is implemented, the following shall be required:

(1) Submission of one (1) of the following shall be evidence sufficient to show a vehicle's owner has complied with the requirements of the financial responsibility law as required in subsection (a):

(A) A certificate or other written evidence from an insurance company authorized to do business in Tennessee stating that a policy of insurance meeting the requirements of the Tennessee Financial Responsibility Law of 1977, compiled in title 55, chapter 12, has been issued and is in force; or

(B) A certificate issued by the commissioner of safety and homeland security stating that a cash deposit or bond in the amount required by the Tennessee Financial Responsibility Law of 1977 has been paid; and

(2) A current driver license as defined in § 55-50-102.

(c) Renewals of motor vehicle registrations by Internet or mail shall include a copy of the documentation required by subsection (b).

(d) If the county clerk of Robertson County implements a pilot project pursuant to this act, the county clerk shall not issue or renew any motor vehicle registration for any person who does not comply with subsection (a).

(e) A pilot project implemented pursuant to this act shall terminate December 31, 2016. If such pilot project is implemented, the county clerk of Robertson County shall prepare a report to the house transportation committee and the senate transportation and safety committee of the general assembly on the efficacy of the pilot program, including the number of motor vehicle registrations in the county before the pilot program was initiated and the number of motor vehicle registrations processed during the pilot program, as well as any recommendations or suggestions of the county clerk to improve the program. Such report shall be delivered to members of the house transportation committee and the senate transportation and safety committee before February 1, 2017.

SECTION 2. Nothing in this part shall be construed to otherwise alter or amend the process, procedure or requirements for the application or renewal of registration of a motor vehicle.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.